

Ouabache State Park ▪ 4930 East State Road 201 ▪ Bluffton, IN 46714

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\*Ouabache's interpretive programs are family oriented. Parents and children are encouraged to attend activities together. An adult should accompany children under the age of 10. In case of inclement weather, all hikes will meet at the Campview Shelter.\*

## June 4 – June 8

### Wednesday, June 4, 2008

***Hoosier Quest***  
***Friday and Sunday at 11 am,***  
***Saturday at 11:30***  
***Campview Shelter***

Connect! Discover! Explore!  
Come to the Campview Shelter to learn more about this exciting new program offered at all state parks. After a brief introduction, we'll break into groups to start working on the program. Individuals still working on the Park Patch program can join us to finish working toward their Smokey's Friend, Junior Naturalist, or Hoosier Ecologist patches!

#### **9:30 am Ducks in a Tree**

Look out below! It's raining ducks?? Come learn more about a duck that puts its nest in tree rather than on the ground. We'll be meeting at Lakeside Shelter.

#### **7:30 pm Seeds, Seeds, and More Seeds**

What all can you do with a seed? Come to the Campview shelter to learn more about these important parts of every day life. We'll be making cool creations to take home as well.

### Thursday, June 5, 2008

#### **9:30 am Sly like a Fox**

Ever wonder where the saying sly like fox came from. Learn more about this amazing creature during this program at the Campview Shelter to find out!

#### **7:30 pm Twinkle Little Star**

Stars have inspired stories and song for ages. Meet at the Campview shelter to learn more about these giants of our sky. A great way to learn more before Saturday's Star Party!

### Friday, June 6, 2008

#### **9:30 am Life Underwater**

What all lives down there? Find out for yourself as we explore Kunkel Lake. Meet at the Boat House

#### **7:30 pm Roving Interpreter**

What will Naturalist Kate have with her tonight? Find out as she wanders around Campground A and B greeting campers and answering questions!

### Saturday, June 7, 2008

#### **8:30 am Youth Fishing Derby Registration Begins**

Get in line at the Boat House early to register to be a part of the Youth Fishing Derby. Please bring your own pole. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **8:45 am Fishing 101**

Know nothing about fishing? Have no fear – learn a little bit about fishing before the derby begins at the Boat House.

#### **9:00 am – 10:30 am Youth Fishing Derby**

Grab your pole and start fishing for the big one! Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, smallest, and most fish caught in each of the three age classes! This event was co-sponsored by the Bluffton Optimists Club. Bug spray and sunscreen are recommended.

**9:30 pm      Spring Star Party**

Learn more about the night sky by enjoying an evening of star gazing with the Fort Wayne and Warsaw County Astronomical Societies. We will be meeting on the large hill next to the pool. Parking is available at the pool. A blanket, or chair and bug spray is recommended.

**Sunday, June 8, 2008**

**8:00 am      Church Services**

Meet on the back patio of the Campview Shelter to worship in the beauty of nature with a local pastor.

**1:45 pm      Fish Printing**

Learn this ancient Japanese art during the pool safety check. Bring a white or light colored shirt to print or material will be provided. If you're swimming, don't forget to get your hand stamped on your way out to the pool lawn.

**June 11 – 15**

***Hoosier Quest***

***Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 11:00 am  
Bison Pen Shelter***

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**Wednesday, June 11, 2008**

**9:30 am      Walk the Wild Side**

Stroll through the wilds of Ouabache park in search of the season's wildflowers. Tips on using a guide book and preserving wildflowers from your own yard will be given. Meet at the Lodge

**7:30 pm      Trees in the Forest**

Trees, trees all around. But what are they good for? Come to the Campview Shelter and learn more about these majestic marvels and gain a new appreciation for them.

**Thursday, June 12, 2008**

**9:30 am      Flying Jewels**

Brilliant colors, sleek and beautiful forms. Butterflies are gems in the world of insects. Learn more about these flying jewels at Lakeside Shelter, then create a craft to take home.

**7:30 pm      Blinded by the Light**

Flip on your porch light and they are sure to come. Learn why moths are attracted to flames during this 30 minute program. Meet at Campview Shelter

**Friday, June 13, 2008**

**9:30 am      Snapping or Painted?**

They may be slow on land, but you should see them in the water. Come search for Kunkel Lake's coolest creatures snapping and painted turtles. We'll start our 45 minute stroll at the Boat House. Tennis shoes, sun screen, and bug spray recommended.

**Tomahawk throwing**  
Saturday, 9am–12, 1–4pm,  
and 5–7pm and Sunday  
9am–12, and 1–4 pm

**8:00 pm      Covered Wagon Conversation**

Gather 'round the covered wagon to learn the history of the early fur trade and how the Rendezvous came to be. Bring a chair or blanket and bug spray for your comfort to the Rendezvous Encampment.

## Saturday, June 14, 2008

### 9:30 am Native Americans and Bison

Bison were an integral part of the lives of some Native Americans. Come to the Bison Pen Shelter to learn more about these amazing animals and their place in Native American Culture.

### 1:00 pm Chatting with Dr. Jones

Join Dr. Rick Jones, State Archeologist, as he gives a presentation on artifacts at the Rustic Oak Shelter. Following the presentation Dr. Jones will be identifying artifacts. So grab your latest find and come on out!

### 7:00 pm Native American Stories

Native American culture has a rich oral history. Come hear some of their stories during this 30 minute program at the Bison Pen Shelter

Check out the  
encampment all weekend  
long for exciting  
demonstrations!

Saturday 9 am – 8 pm

Sunday 9 am – 4pm

## Sunday June 15, 2008

### *CHECK IT OUT*

"PLAY BALL", PRE-1840 STYLE - What did the people of Indiana do for fun before 1840, a time when there was no basketball, football, or even modern day baseball? One of the sports they enjoyed was the venerable old English game of cricket which had been brought to America during the colonial era and was being played in Indiana as early as 1825. Visitors to this year's Rendezvous on the Ouabache will get an opportunity to personally relive this long lost sporting legacy by joining in the short, informal, 19th century cricket games that American cricket player and historian Tom Melville will be conducting on Sunday, June 15. The games will be run on a continuous walkup basis throughout the day and are open to everyone. Absolutely no experience required! So come and discover what "play ball" originally meant to the people of Indiana.

### 8:00 am Church Service

Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter's back patio.

### 1:00 pm Native Craft

Every culture has created beautiful pieces of artwork. Meet at the Bison Pen Shelter to create your own Native American inspired craft to take home with you.

## June 18 – 22

### Wednesday, June 18, 2008

### 9:30 am Tree ID

Meet at the trailhead for trail 3 and learn different ways people use to identify trees as we walk the tree trail. Bring your tree field guide if you have one. Tennis shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray recommended.

### 7:30 pm Indiana's Marsupial

It's white and fearsome! Learn about Indiana's only marsupial at the Campview Shelter.

## Thursday, June 19, 2008

### 9:30 am Deer, Oh Dear

Bambi is a favorite story of many people Meet at Lakeside Shelter to learn about these graceful creatures.

### 7:30 pm It's a plane . . . no it's a squirrel?

Flying squirrels are curious indeed. Meet at Campview Shelter to learn about this crazy squirrel that flies through the air.

## Friday, June 20, 2008

### 9:30 am Creating Ouabache

Calling all history buffs and the people who lived it. Meet at Campview Shelter to learn more about the men that built Ouabache. Those wishing to share their memories are welcome to come tell their stories!

### 7:30 pm The Little Green Bug

You've seen the signs. You've read the policies. Now find out why Emerald Ash Borer is such a big deal. Meet at Campview Shelter.

### **Saturday, June 21, 2008**

#### **9:30 am Fabulous Frogs**

Kermit the Frog isn't the only famous frog around. Come to the Boat House to search for some of Ouabache's fabulous frogs!

#### **1:45 pm Pool Break – Creature Feature**

You never know what Naturalist Kate will bring with her today. Meet on the pool lawn to find out. If you're swimming make sure you get your hand stamped so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

#### **7:30 pm The System**

Space – the final frontier. Voyage through our solar system without ever leaving the park. The voyage begins at Campview Shelter.

### **Sunday, June 22, 2008**

#### **8:00 am Church Service**

Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter's back patio.

#### **1:45 pm Pool Break – Fun in the Sun**

Join Naturalist Kate on the pool lawn to play a fun game that will help you understand just what Emerald Ash Borer does to trees. If you're swimming make sure you get your hand stamped on your way out so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

### **June 25 – 29**

### **Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

#### **9:30 am Flower Art**

Some people create beautiful works of art from flowers. Meet at Campview Shelter to learn the parts of a flower then create some art of your own.

#### **7:30 pm Livin' in the Ice Age**

You fell in love with the amazing creatures of the movie Ice Age. But what was it really like during this time? Find out what it would have been like to live in Indiana during the Ice Age by meeting at Rustic Oak Shelter.

### **Thursday, June 26, 2008**

#### **9:30 am The Symbol of America**

They have fought their way back from the brink of extinction here in the lower 48. Come to Lakeside Shelter to hear the amazing story of our national bird – the Bald Eagle.

#### **7:00 pm Patriotic Pops Concert**

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will once again delight us with their annual Patriotic Pops Concert. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, bug spray, and maybe some dinner to the hill by the pool to enjoy a wonderful evening of music. Get here early to get a good seat!

### **Friday, June 27, 2008**

#### **9:30 am Leafy Green**

## **Hoosier Quest!!**

11:00 am

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

### **Start now!!**

Earn a patch, medallion, pin, or bandanna this summer. Kids 5 and up learn how to "Discover" our natural and cultural resources. Those 8 - 108 learn how to "Connect" with the land and become healthier people. Or come "Explore" and learn about our family weekender series! Meet at Campview Shelter.

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At the end of every winter we can't wait for the leafy green foliage of trees and plants to pop out. Learn why trees need their leaves and how they help us survive! Afterwards, we'll create some leaf prints to take home. Meet at Trailsend Shelter

**7:30 pm**

## **Nature Photography**

Beginners will love this chance to learn a little bit about taking photos of nature. Make sure you bring your camera to practice taking some shots! Experienced photographers welcome. Meet at Campview Shelter.

**Saturday, June 28, 2008**

**9:30 am**

## **The EYE's have it**

Eyes come in a wide variety. Those that see at night and those that work from miles away. Learn how these different eyes work at Campview Shelter.

**1:45 pm**

## **Pool Break – Creature Feature**

This sly guy will really impress you. Meet him on the pool lawn during the pool safety break. . If you're swimming make sure you get your hand stamped on your way out so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!

**9:30 pm**

## **Hike the Night**

Meet at the Bison Pen to hike the night. Learn how animals use their senses to move about in this strange dark world. No flashlights or flashing shoes please. Bug spray and tennis shoes recommended.

**Sunday, June 29, 2008**

**8:00 am**

## **Church Service**

Join a local pastor for a worship service in the beauty of nature. Meet on Campview Shelter's back patio.

**1:45 pm**

## **Pool Break – Survivor**

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild. Meet on the pool lawn to test your wits. If you're swimming make sure you get your hand stamped on your way out so that you can get back in the pool after the safety check!